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Madam:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

A three-month extension of time from March 29, 2009, up to and including June 29, 2009, is hereby respectfully requested to respond to the Office Action mailed December 29, 2008. The extension fee of \$555.00 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for a small entity is being paid via the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office's Electronic Filing System's credit card payment option. Applicant thus submits that the present Response is timely submitted on Monday, June 29, 2009.

Please charge any fees that are *necessary* to maintain pendency and/or protect the filing date of the present application to our Deposit Account Number 03-1721, referencing Attorney's Docket Number 0492611-0507 (MIT 10396). To the extent that there are any discrepancies between what Applicant has paid with the filing of the present Application and what the USPTO believes is owed, Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice be issued explaining any such discrepancy.

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